THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE C.Y.SOMAYAJULU

WRIT PETITION NO. 2775 of 1996

DATED: 30-01-2006

Between:

Sri Veereswara Swamy Temple, Kachapur(V)

Bhikanoor (M), Nizamabad District …Petitioner

And

The State of A.P., rep.by its

Principal Secretary to Government,

Revenue (Endowments.II) Department

At Secretariat, Hyderabad and three others … Respondents

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ORDER:

The petition is filed questioning the G.O.Ms.No.456 dated 29-09-1995 laying the guidelines for acquisition of lands belonging to temples and consequently to set aside the proceedings for acquisition of lands belonging to the petitioners.

2. After hearing the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Assistant Government Pleader, I find no grounds to quash the G.O., because it only lays the guidelines to be followed by the revenue officials while proposing to acquire the lands belonging to Religious and Charitable Institutions. By those guidelines the

Collectors are asked identify the lands suitable for the purpose of providing house sites to the members of weaker sections, only if the Government land or the other alternative land is not available in that particular area, and are also directed to take care to see that small tenants are not adversely effected, and are directed not to acquire valuable lands if they are required by the institution for their own use. Through the said G.O., a committee consisting of Commissioner of land Revenue, Commissioner of Endowments and Commissioner of Social Welfare is constituted to oversee the properties for acquisition and for recommendation. None of the above conditions can be said to be in violation of any of the provisions of the constitution, for this court to interfere and quash the same.

3. Therefore, I find no merits in this petition and so petition is dismissed. No costs.

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C.Y. SOMAYAJULU, J.

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